

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of GEORGE RIPLEY and DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY,  
PHILADELPHIA NAVAL SHIPYARD, Philadelphia, PA

*Docket No. 98-1272; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued April 18, 2000*

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DECISION and ORDER

Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS,  
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs properly reduced appellant's compensation benefits on January 22, 1997 based on his capacity to perform the duties of an information clerk.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the December 16, 1997 decision of the Office hearing representative is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated December 16, 1997 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.  
April 18, 2000

David S. Gerson  
Member

Willie T.C. Thomas  
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski  
Alternate Member